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Mr. Lewis J. Lapham
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Dear Lew:

Thank you very much for including me on your distribution list for the OPR work program for 1976. I am aware that several others in ISA were also included in the distribution of the work program and may have made their own responses to you. However, I want to take this opportunity to comment for ISA as a whole. We found the document very useful in two ways. The first was in the identification of the broad range of work you are doing which is of interest to us. In that respect I wonder if it would be feasible for us to strengthen the contact between your project leaders or principal investigators and the concerned members of my staff. This would make it possible for us to state in greater detail our particular requirements, to provide you with an immediate user for the delivery of interim research results, and to identify a source of technical criticism. If such a mechanism can be developed within your modus operandi we would appreciate it. If you care to pursue this approach, please have the appropriate member of your staff call Jerry Milsted at OX 72682.

Our second interest in the program description is its utility as a basis for planning our external research. We are beginning the annual process of internal evaluation of our research requirements and selection of performers for the five-quarter period beginning 1 July 1976. Knowing what you will be producing minimizes unnecessary duplication by providing us with the results of your experts in lieu of expensive contractor produced reports. We would like to maintain a continuing liaison with your office for the exchange of research program planning information of mutual value. Again Mr. Milsted will be the appropriate first contact in ISA.

I look forward to a strengthening of our relationship in the area of political research and I hope you will be able to join with us in achieving this objective.

Sincerely,

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